

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Medical Assistants \(31-9092\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other \(29-2099\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	15.5	13.7	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	15.1	12.5	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Psychology	6.4	10.5	9.3	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	8.0	2.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	11.3	11.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	10.4	10.1	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	13.5	11.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	10.9	10.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Selective Attention	8.7	9.7	8.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Finger Dexterity	7.6	9.2	7.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	8.3	6.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Time Sharing	6.6	7.5	7.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

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There are no common work activities.

Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 72

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Enema administration supplies	31
Industry specific software	1
Laboratory microscope slides and supplies	20
Medical diagnostic x ray products	26
Medical imaging processing equipment and supplies	33
Medical radiation detection or monitoring products	31
Medical suction and vacuum products	33
Network applications software	1
Operating environment software	12
Ophthalmic diagnostic exam products	27
Oxygen therapy delivery systems and devices	13
Scopes and specula and accessories for medical exam diagnostic use	23
Specimen collection and transport containers and supplies	14
Stethoscopes and related products	14
Suture and related products	23
Syringes and accessories	14

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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